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SUBJECT: Berman Anti-Terrorism Bill Fails To Pass

1. You will recall that on 13 September 1988, Senators Kerry and Lugar introduced S. 2776, the Senate companion to H.R. 3651, the House-passed "Antiterrorism and Arms Export Amendments Act" sponsored by Representatives Berman and Hyde.

2. On 7 October 1988, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held hearings on S. 2776 and efforts were made thereafter to bring the bill to the Senate floor.

3. On the House side, the bill's proponents moved to combine the House-passed bill with several other measures, including the Iraq sanctions legislation, in a last-minute effort to secure their passage before the Congress adjourned.

4. Both efforts collapsed for reasons that are still not clear. It appears the Berman/Hyde bill may have become hostage to other, larger legislative struggles among the Senate (Senator Helms particularly), the Administration and the Department of State.

4. In any event, Representative Berman's staff indicates he is likely to reintroduce the bill next year and begin the process again.

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